

**Prkic, Christina (COE)**

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**From:** Prkic, Christina (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2003 11:02 AM  
**To:** Beecher, Ines (PWD)  
**Cc:** Singer, Miriam (DPM); Williams, Selena (DPM)  
**Subject:** Your request for an opinion

Good morning Ines,

After discussing this matter with Robert Meyers, I am responding to your request for an opinion.

According to the facts below, you inquired about any potential conflicts of interest under the Code of Ethics as they relate to two employees in the PWD. An employee who handles procurement matters is married to one who handles purchasing in the finance division.

The Code of Ethics does not address this situation specifically.

Bear in mind, Subsection (g), "Exploitation of official position," prohibits employees from using or attempting to use their official position to secure special privileges.

Should you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Christina Prkic  
Staff Attorney  
Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
P: (305) 350-0615

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2003 4:24 PM  
**To:** Prkic, Christina (COE)  
**Subject:** FW:

Christina,

Here are all of the e-mails related to the Beecher matter.

Robert

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Beecher, Ines (PWD)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2003 2:34 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Orky (PWD); Sandoval, Valerie (PWD)  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Singer, Miriam (DPM)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2003 2:19 PM  
**To:** Beecher, Ines (PWD)  
**Cc:** Williams, Selena (DPM)  
**Subject:** RE:

Ines: FYI  
Selena:: Thanks

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**From:** Williams, Selena (DPM)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2003 12:52 PM  
**To:** Singer, Miriam (DPM)  
**Subject:** RE:

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**Cc:** Williams, Selena (DPM)  
**Subject:** RE:

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Tracking:

Recipient	Delivery	Read
Beecher, Ines (PWD)	Delivered: 8/25/03 11:02 AM	Read: 8/25/03 2:32 PM
Singer, Miriam (DPM)	Delivered: 8/25/03 11:02 AM	
Williams, Selena (DPM)	Delivered: 8/25/03 11:02 AM	Read: 8/25/03 11:11 AM

Christine - Let's discuss. *Alet*  
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